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## W. T. GRANT COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT 1960



## THE W. T. GRANT COMPANY-a brief description

Starting with one store at Lynn, Mass. in 1906, the Company, on January 31, 1961, operated 864 general merchandise stores in 43 states.

The stores are family type stores, selling merchandise lines for women, for men, for children, and for the home. Prices generally range up to $\$ 5$, but with some items ranging in prices up to and even above $\$ 100$.

While most sales are for cash, credit service, including the charge account type, is available in all stores.

In 1960, total Company sales were $\$ 512,687,000$, or an average of $\$ 593,000$ per store.

The 1960 sales registered a new all-time high for a year, and exceeded the $\$ 500$ million mark for the first time. Except for 1932, 1938, and 1949, the Company has had a sales increase every year in its 54 year history.

The Company has earned a profit and has paid dividends in every year of its history.

One historical characteristic of the Company is that it has a lower profit margin than many other retailers. This is accounted for by the preponderance of
lower profit margin textile lines built into its merchandise mix. Its success depends on producing more dollars of profit on a growing level of sales at its own historical profit margins.

The Company is maintaining a steady program of expansion. In recent years, the program has been directed almost entirely to leased shopping center stores that offer retailing opportunities in the suburbs. At the last year end, 417 of its 864 stores were in shopping centers.

The Company employs 39,000 people on a year round basis, with a peak of approximately 49,000 in December.

Its outstanding 150,000 shares of $33 / 4 \%$ preferred stock are held by 755 stockholders, and its $5,755,526$ shares of common stock are held by 12,914 stockholders.

In addition to its domestic operations, the Com pany owns $51 \%$ of the common stock of Zeller's Ltd.. a Canadian chain operating 80 stores similar to Grant stores, with 1960 sales of $\$ 56,995,000$ and net earnings of \$2,149,000. Zeller's L.td. also has a steady expansion program under way.

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Year ended January 31,

1961


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## W. T. gRant company

## To the Stockholders:

This is our fifty-fourth annual report. It covers the fiscal year ended January 31, 1961.

## SALES

Sales for the year reached the new high of $\$ 512,686$,823 , which was $\$ 32,689,346$, or $6.8 \%$ above 1959. This is the first year in our history when sales exceeded a half-billion dollars.

Credit sales, which were unusually good in 1960, totalled $\$ 62,386,436$, an increase of $38.4 \%$ over 1959.

Shopping center stores accounted for $45 \%$ of the Company's sales, compared to $39 \%$ in 1959.

## EARNINGS

The 1960 net earnings were $\$ 9,198,133$ which, after preferred dividends, equalled $\$ 1.50$ per share on $5,755,526$ shares of common stock outstanding at the year end.

For 1959, net earnings were at the all-time high of $\$ 12,257,940$, or $\$ 2.06$ per share on $5,687,986$ shares of common stock, adjusted for the 2 for 1 split of common stock in April 1960.

The lower 1960 net earnings reflect higher labor costs, including social security taxes; increased sales promotion costs, such as advertising and price reductions brought on by an unusually competitive year; and the lower sales trend in various areas that experienced declining economic conditions. Sales and earnings were also adversely affected by the severe December and January snow storms in the northeast section
of the country where the Company has so many of its stores.

## DIVIDENDS

In 1960, the Company paid regular dividends of $\$ 3.75$ per share on the preferred stock and regular dividends of $\$ 1.20$ per share on the common stock. In 1959, the same amount was paid on the preferred stock, and $\$ 1.10$ per share on the common stock, after giving effect to the 2 for 1 common stock split in April 1960.

The 1960 increase in common stock dividends was the fourth increase since 1954 when the dividend was at the annual rate of 75 cents per share, adjusted for the 2 for 1 common stock split in April 1960.

The Company, in 1960, continued its record of earning a profit and paying dividends on its common stock in every year since its beginning in 1906.

## NEW STORES

During the year, the Company opened 78 new stores, including 77 in shopping centers. It closed 15 downtown stores, as leases expired. At the year end, there were 864 stores in operation, compared to 801 a year ago.

Although we expect 1961 to be even more challenging and competitive than 1960, we are confident that we will have a satisfactory performance for the year during which we will continue our steady program of expansion.

For their continued help and interest, we are grateful to our customers, employees, and suppliers. At this time, we also wish to extend a welcome to all new stockholders of the Company.


April 3, 1961

## Financial Position

The Company remains in excellent financial position as it enters 1961. It had no bank loans or long-term debt outstanding at the year end. It has no present plans for new financing.

## Working Capital

Working capital, at the year end, was $\$ 83,916,035$, an increase of $\$ 1,008,567$ over $\$ 82,907,468$ at the end of 1959.

## Merchandise Inventories

Merchandise inventories, at the year end, in stores, warehouses, and in transit, totalled $\$ 96,243,818$, or $\$ 10,153,978$ above last year.

The increase is principally accounted for by new and enlarged stores. Inventories are in good relationship to planned sales.

Store managers who are responsible for merchandising their individual stores controlled inventories well, especially towards the end of the year when slower sales trends made this a most important management task.

Inventory control is one of our most important management tasks. Through better ordering alone, it provides opportunities to conserve cash, to operate with lower price reductions and lower inventory handling costs and shortages, at a higher level of sales, all of which materially help the Company to better manage its working capital.

## Common Stockholders' Equity

Common stockholders' equity at the year end was $\$ 121$,428,486 compared to $\$ 118,348,314$ at the end of 1959.

The book value per share of common stock was $\$ 20.98$ at the year end, compared to $\$ 20.70$ at the end of 1959, adjusted for the 2 for 1 common stock split in April 1960.

## Credit

In 1960, credit sales reached a new high. They totalled $\$ 62,386,436$, which is $38.4 \%$ above 1959 . Credit sales in 1960 accounted for $12.1 \%$ of total Company sales, compared to $9.4 \%$ in 1959.

The increase in 1960 was principally accounted for by the adoption of a 30 -day charge account plan in addition to the budget plans previously in effect. At the year end, there were approximately 647,000 credit accounts, compared to 535,000 at the end of 1959.

Installment receivables from customers were $\$ 40$,041,261 , of which $\$ 39,229,521$ had been sold to banks. Last year, receivables totalled $\$ 26,738,654$, of which $\$ 24,405,368$ had been sold at the year end.

Interest paid on receivables sold to banks, and on seasonal bank loans and sales of short term notes, totalled $\$ 1,518,260$ in 1960, which compares with $\$ 1,055,401$ in 1959. During the year, the Company increased interest earned by investing excess cash in short term securities.

## Employees' Stock Purchase Plan

Stockholders, at their meeting on April 26, 1960, authorized 400,000 shares for the present plan. Of this total, offers covering 298,700 shares were made to $1,708 \mathrm{em}$ ployees. At the year end, 236,735 of the shares offered were under contract.

The present plan, and the former one that expired on May 1, 1960, are similar in that they are stock purchase plans whereby shares are offered at approximate market prices to a wide group of employees.

During the year, employees paid $\$ 1,496,795$ on their accounts, which continues to be a source of working capital and expansion funds for the Company. During the year, 72,140 shares were fully paid up and issued to employees under both plans.

## Employees' Retirement Plan

This plan, to which employees and the Company contribute, continued its growth during the year. Following is a listing of the assets at the end of the past two fiscal years of the plan:

|  | June 30, 1960 | June 30, 1959 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash | \$ 168,830 | \$ 207,436 |
| Investments at cost: |  |  |
| Bonds and notes . | 22,625,615 | 19,488,924 |
| Preferred stocks | 2,025,293 | 2,504,472 |
| Common stocks | 13,041,018 | 12,464,264 |
| Total investments | \$37,691,926 | \$34,457,660 |
| Sundry receivables | 377,734 | 324,408 |
| Total assets | \$38,238,490 | \$34,989,504 |

The approximate market value of the investments was $\$ 42,512,695$ at June 30, 1960, compared to $\$ 38,913,575$ at June 30, 1959.

During the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 1960, the number of members increased from 10,587 to 11,266 , and the number of retired members increased from 511 to 586.

In 1960, the Company's contribution to the plan was $\$ 907,894$ compared to $\$ 1,071,108$ in 1959. Employees' contributions in 1960 were $\$ 1,047,599$ compared to $\$ 926,535$ in 1959.


Financial Vice President and Conptroller

## MERCHANDISING DEVELOPMENTS

## Merchandise Expansion

The year 1960 saw Grant's forging ahead in its program of becoming the Complete Family Store in nonfood lines, in communities it serves.

To better serve its customers, expanded assortments in many lines of merchandise were added. This included items for family recreation and for the home, such as: Sporting Goods, Cameras and Photographic Supplies, TV Sets, Radios and Phonographs, Sewing Machines, Table Appliances, Power Tools, Paint Products and Home Improvement Items, Furniture, Rugs and Carpeting, Curtains and Draperies, Typewriters, Clocks, Watches and Giftware. Expansion also continued in our fashion and softline merchandise.

Although smaller stores were unable to present all these expanded lines, because of space limitations, they supplemented their merchandise assortments by the use of Grant's Order Catalog in which most of the expanded lines are available.

During the year, we increased the number of outdoor sales areas adjacent to shopping center stores to 62. Here we were able to offer expanded lines of Horticulture, Gardening Supplies, Outdoor Furniture, Outdoor Cooking Equipment, Outdoor Gyms, and Wading Pools.

## MERCHANDISING METHODS

In 1960, strides were made to maintain better balanced stocks of Wearing Apparel in more stores by Automatic Replenishment programs. Complete lines of Infants' Shoes and Coats; Misses' Dresses; Women's Slacks, Blouses, Suits, Coats, and Half-size Dresses were added to the program.

Use of leased trucking facilities from Company

Distributing Centers were expanded to more stores. This operation offers better delivery service and the opportunity to keep increasing transportation costs at a minimum. Currently, 352 stores share the use of this program.

## ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

Grant's improved "National Sales Program", started last year with weekly promotions by all stores, was very effective. It included the development of group advertising programs, now in 81 major Grant trading areas. While directed from the home office, the programs provide flexibility whereby respective store groups adapt them for the most effective local impact.

## THE COMING YEAR

Expansion of existing and new lines of merchandise will continue. A major example is the introduction in February 1961, in 138 selected stores, of a new private brand line of "Bradford" Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, and Dryers. These are top quality and competitively priced items.

Private brand merchandise development will continue in new and existing lines of merchandise as new developments and acceptance will indicate.

In 1961, more new stores will have outdoor sales areas; more stores will be added to the leased trucking program; and improvements will be made in the Order Catalog operation.

A new 80,000 square feet distributing center will be opened in Buena Park, California on May 1, 1961. It will service 80 west coast stores, providing them with the advantages of small ordering units, quick deliveries, and reduced transportation costs.


## Policy

We continue to believe that capable employees are the Company's greatest asset. Our personnel policies and practices are based upon this belief.

## EMPLOYEES and COMPENSATION

At the year end, there were 35,000 employees, compared to 32,000 at the end of 1959 .

For the year, salaries and wages, social security taxes, retirement plan contributions, and other benefits paid by the Company were $\$ 102,702,763$, or $20.0 \%$ of sales. This compares with $\$ 92,612,052$, or $19.3 \%$ of sales in 1959. There are included in these totals $\$ 4,458,613$ for 1960 and $\$ 3,493,625$ for 1959 of social security taxes; and $\$ 907,894$ for 1960 and $\$ 1,071,108$ for 1959 contributed by the Company to the retirement plan.

## MANPOWER and PROMOTIONS

Our expansion program made it possible to promote 110 assistant store managers to store management during the year. In addition, 266 managers were promoted to larger stores. To maintain the necessary qualified manpower for future growth, we increased the number of men-in-training from 868 at the end of 1959 to 1,003 at the end of 1960 . It is of interest to note that in 1960 , compared to previous years, a larger percentage of men-in-training hired during the year remained with the Company at the year end.

In 1960, the Company, because of expansion, added 2 new districts to its field organization, and 3 more new districts at the beginning of 1961. These changes made it possible to promote 5 store managers to district management, which resulted in a number of promotions of store managers.

## TRAINING PROGRAMS

To better train people, the Company continues to invest in various training and guidance programs. These include 30 day on-the-job orientation programs for new trainees, assistant manager conferences in the home office, sound slide film programs, merchandise presentations to store people by buyers, departmental job manuals, outside study courses, personnel rating reviews and progress reports, sales promotion meetings, and updated job descriptions.

We believe that these programs help to make it possible for people to build rewarding careers in a Company that they will be proud to work for

## ORGANIZATION

It is with regret that we report the death of Warren G. Finnan, Vice President and Treasurer, on August 26, 1960. During his association with the Company since 1946, he made many contributions to its success, including the initiation and development of the Company's credit business.

In August 1960, the Board of Directors elected M. F. Ketz, formerly Vice President and Comptroller, as Financial Vice President and Comptroller. At the same time, Allan E. Lomen was elected Assistant Comptroller.

Miss Rosalie A. Mulford, Assistant Treasurer, was appointed a member of the Board of the Employees' Retirement Plan in August 1960, and subsequently elected Treasurer of that Board.

Richard W. Mayer, Assistant Treasurer and Credit Manager, was elected Treasurer by the Board of Directors at its January 1961 meeting, effective February 1, 1961.

## STORE MANAGEMENT

## Economical Operations

Profitable operations stemming from economy in operations at high sales levels remain store management's most important task. Effective execution of Company expense budget plans and sales promotion events are constantly emphasized in the field.

## MERCHANDISING

On existing and expanded lines of merchandise made available by our merchandising division, it is continually the objective of store management to promote the merchandise for plus sales and profit.

To accomplish this, a good deal of attention is given to on-the-job training programs, so that we have qualified people at all times to do the job most effectively.

One of our major store management responsibilities is inventory control. This embraces the opportunity of doing a better merchandise ordering job in every store, and is being constantly emphasized in the field.

## IMPROVING METHODS

During 1960, we continued to open more stores with the self-service, check-out type of operation. Currently, we have 320 such stores, compared to 252 a year ago.

Stores continued to emphasize credit, including the new 30 -day charge account plan which was suecessfully introduced in 1960. This plan principally accounts for the increase in the number of credit ac-counts-from 535,000 in 1959 to 647,000 in 1960.

More benefits of electronic data processing continue to accrue to the stores as the Company expands its electronic operations. This is helping stores to openate more productively through the use of automatic stock replenishment plans and simplified store accounting procedures.

## DECENTRALIZATION

As the Company has grown, added supervisory authority and responsibility have been given to our field organization, particularly store managers.

From time to time, added stores make it necessary to expand our field supervisory organization. This is done only when necessary to maintain close supervision as new stores are added through our store exmansion program.

## NEW AND ENLARGED STORES

One of our important opportunities is to open some 70 to 90 new and enlarged stores every year, properly manned and stocked, on the most economical basis.

Our field organization, with the guidance of respective home office divisions, continued to do this task well without a separate store opening force.

## LUNCHEONETTES

The Company operates luncheonettes in 340 of its 864 stores.

During the year, 68 new and remodelled units were put into operation. A steady program of opening luncheonettes in selected stores will continue in 1961.

Grant luncheonettes pride themselves in top quaility food, generous portions, fast friendly service, and budget prices.

In 1960, we served more than 67 million meals. Coffee, hamburgers, and frankfurters continue to be the top volume items. In 1960, for example, we served over 25 million cups of coffee and served over 10 million customers with hamburgers and frankfurters.

Modern equipment is used in Grant luncheonettes, with the emphasis on serving food to our chstomers in clean and pleasant surroundings.


Store Management Vice President

## STORE EXPANSION PROGRAM

During 1960, the Company continued its steady program of expansion. Of the 78 new stores opened, 77 were in shopping centers. In the preceding year, 85 new stores were opened, of which 81 were in shopping centers. In 1960, the program also included the enlargement or relocation of 13 stores.

At the year end, 864 stores, including 417 in shopping centers, were in operation. A year ago, 801 stores, including 340 in shopping centers, were in operation. The net increase of 63 stores is accounted for by the 78 new stores less 15 downtown stores that were permanently closed as leases expired, because their
profit potential did not warrant lease renewals.
The 1960 capital expenditures, principally for store fixtures, was $\$ 7,995,000$ compared to $\$ 7,470,000$ in 1959.

We estimate that the 1961 store expansion program expenditures will approximate those of 1960. At the year end, construction had already begun at 66 locations where new stores are expected to open in 1961.

The following schedule presents a summary of the Company's store expansion program for the past 10 years:

TEN YEAR HISTORY OF
THE COMIPANY'S STORE EXPANSION PROGRAM

| Number New Stores Opened |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Shopping <br> Centers | Downtown <br> Locations |


| Number Stores | Net Grant Capital |
| :---: | :---: |
| Relocated | Program...Fixed Asset |
| or Enlarged | Expenditures |


|  | 77 | 1 | 13 | $\$ 7,995,000$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1960 | 81 | 4 | 9 | $7,470,000$ |
| 1959 | 64 | - | 15 | $5,736,000$ |
| 1958 | 65 | 2 | 19 | $6,478,000$ |
| 1956 | 64 | 7 | 24 | $8,461,000$ |
| 1955 | 34 | 27 | 18 | $7,100,000$ |
| 1954 | 6 | 14 | 31 | $6,300,000$ |
| 1953 | 7 | 7 | 41 | $7,200,000$ |
| 1952 | 6 | 4 | 26 | $6,350,000$ |
| 1951 | 408 | 74 | 218 | $\$ 69,604,000$ |

We intend to continue our successful expansion program of opening new stores mostly in shopping centers.


LEXINGTON, KY. Southland

LORAIN, 0.
Lorain Plaza
MASSAPEQUA, N. Y. Holiday Park

MERIDIAN, MISS. Broadmoor Mart

MESA, ARIZ.
Shopping Center
MIAMISBURG, O.
Miamisburg Plaza
MILFORD, CONN
Connecticut Post
MONESSEN, PA.
Mon-Valley
NATICK, MASS.
Sherwood Plaza

NEW BRITAIN, CONN.
New Britain Plaza
new castle, del.
Crossroads
NEWARK, O.
Southgate
NO. TONAWANDA, N. Y. Mid-City

OCALA, fLA.
Pine Street
oceanside, calif.
Mission Square
PAINESVILLE, o.
Shopping Center
palmyra, PA.
Lebanon Valley
PENNSVILLE, N. J.
Shopping Center
phoenix, ariz.
Grandview Plaza
phoenix, Ariz.
West Dale
pittsburgh, PA.
Stanton Heights
PORTSMOUTH, VA. Mid-City

READING, PA.
Muhlenberg Plaza
READING, PA.
Antietam Valley
ROCHESTER, N. Y.
Ridgemont Plaza
ROCKY RIVER, O.
Pick-N-Pay
SAGINAW, MICH.
Green Acres Plaza
SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.
Five Points
SAVANNAH, GA.
Victory Drive
TAMPA, FLA.
Hillsboro Plaza
TAYLOR, MICH.
Taylortown
TRENTON, N. J.
Hamilton Square
TRENTON, N. J.
Lawrence
UNION, N. J.
Galloping Hill
WALLINGFORD, CONN.
Colony Plaza
W. PALM BEACH, FLA.

Southdale
WILMINGTON, DEL. Midway

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.
Parkway Plaza
WOONSOCKET, R. I.
Walnut Hill Plaza

## 1960 . . and ten vears ago



Thanks to the steady growth of the Company over the past decade, as reflected in the 10 year comparative statement on the facing page and the facts presented below, the Grant's of today is actually a NEW general merchandise chain, with virtually unlimited potentials for service to American consumers, and for growth as one of the country's leading retailers.

- Total number of stores has increased from 477 at the end of 1950 to 864 at the end of 1960.
- Opening of 408 Grant stores in shopping centers was the outstanding development of the decade. Shopping center stores contributed $45 \%$ of the Company's sales in 1960, compared to $1.5 \%$ in 1950.
- Net earnings for 1960 were $13.5 \%$ above the year 1950.
- Earnings per common share decreased from $\$ 1.58$ in 1950 to $\$ 1.50$ in 1960 , but on an increased number of shares-4,768,996 shares in 1950 and $5,755,526$ shares in 1960.
- Dividends per share of common stock increased from 75 cents in 1950 to $\$ 1.20$ in 1960.
- An investment was made in $51 \%$ of the common stock of Zeller's Ltd., a Canadian affiliate operating stores similar to Grant's.
- Book value per common share increased from $\$ 13.04$ in 1950 to $\$ 20.98$ in 1960.

Credit sales registered an increase of $532 \%$ in 10 years.

Number of common stockholders increased to 12,914 in 1960 from 5,690 in 1950.

These long-term highlights point up the fact that the Company is continuing to grow steadily and soundly, and is becoming an increasingly important factor in American retailing.

The management aims to continue to expand, both in number of stores and in the breadth and diversity of lines of merchandise it offers to the public.

# ZELLER'S LIMITED 

5115 Trans Island Avenue Montreal 29, Quebec

## Sales

Sales for 1960 reached an all-time high of $\$ 56,995,000$ which was $\$ 3,655,000$ or $6.9 \%$ above 1959.

Shopping center stores continued to produce a larger share of the Company's sales. In 1960, they contributed $23.9 \%$ of sales, compared to $19.6 \%$ in 1959.

## EARNINGS

Net earnings for the year were $\$ 2,149,000$ which, after preferred dividends, equalled $\$ 2.59$ per share, compared with $\$ 2,009,000$, or $\$ 2.40$ per share in 1959 on 750,000 shares of common stock outstanding in both years.

The 1960 net earnings represent a new all-time high, exceeding the previous high set in 1959 by $7.0 \%$.

## DIVIDENDS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

During 1960, Zeller's Limited paid the regular dividends of $\$ 2.25$ per share on the $41 / 2 \%$ preferred stock and regular dividends of $\$ 1.40$ per share on the common stock. In 1959 the rate for common stock shares was \$1.20.

After preferred dividends of $\$ 205,190$ and common stock dividends of $\$ 1,050,000$, the net earnings retained for use in the business, from 1960 operations, were $\$ 894,000$, compared to $\$ 897,000$ in 1959.

## FINANCIAL POSITION

Working capital amounted to $\$ 11,918,000$ at the year end, compared to $\$ 12,341,000$ at the end of 1959. During 1960, the Company sold and leased back 2 of its owned properties in the total amount of $\$ 700,000$. In 1959, the Company realized $\$ 5,150,000$ from the sale and leaseback of 9 of its store properties.

Merchandise inventories at cost at year end totalled $\$ 7,688,000$ or $\$ 1,909,000$ above a year ago. New and enlarged stores principally account for the increase.

Long-term debt at the year end amounted to $\$ 2,640,000$ comprising the outstanding balance of the Company's $6 \%$ Sinking Fund Debentures maturing November 1, 1977.

The net book value per share of common stock was $\$ 21.09$ at the year end compared to $\$ 19.85$ at the end of the previous year.

## CREDIT

At the year end, credit selling was used in 58 stores and will be extended to approximately 10 more operating stores in 1961. All new stores open with a credit department.

Installment receivables from customers totalled $\$ 3,451,000$ at the year end compared to $\$ 1,110,000$ at the close of 1959 .

## STORE EXPANSION

During the year, Zeller's Limited continued its steady program of expansion opening 11 new stores and enlarging and modernizing 4 operating units.

At the year end, there were 80 stores in operation including 29 in shopping centers.

The 1960 capital program expenditure, primarily for fixtures, totalled $\$ 2,215,000$. The corresponding expenditure for the previous year was $\$ 1,265,000$.

In 1961 we expect to open approximately 15 new stores of which 11 are expected to be in shopping centers and 4 in downtown locations.

The year 1961 promises to be one of great challenge to the retail industry. However, we look with confidence to the long-term growth of Canada and the part Zeller's Limited can play in the expansion of the economic strength of the country.

Note: The W. T. Grant Company owns $51 \%$ of the common stock of Zeller's Limited. This subsidiary is not consolidated in the financial statements of the W. T. Grant Company.


## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year ended January 31,


| ASSets |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| Liabilities, Reserves, and Capital | January 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1961 | 1960 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . | \$ 36,537,269 | \$ 33,041,072 |
| Federal taxes on income, less U. S. Government securities ( $\$ 6,934,532$ ) at January 31, 1960-Note C . | 8,694,088 | 4,731,572 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES . . . . . | \$ 45,231,357 | \$ 37,772,644 |
| DEFERRED FEDERAL INCOME TAX-Note D . . . . | 372,000 | 62,300 |
| RESERVES |  |  |
| For uninsured risks . . . . . . . . | 1,400,000 | 1,500,000 |
| For repainting stores . . . . . . . . | 1,273,123 | 1,151,336 |
| For deferred contingent compensation-Note B . . . | 613,400 | 511,950 |
| TOTAL RESERVES . . . . . . . . | \$ 3,286,523 | \$ 3,163,286 |
| CAPITAL-Notes B and E: |  |  |
| Capital Stock |  |  |
| Cumulative Preferred-\$100 par value: |  |  |
| Authorized 250,000 shares |  |  |
| Issued 150,000 shares of $33 / 4 \%$ series . . . . | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 |
| Common-\$2.50 par value: |  |  |
| Authorized 8,500,000 shares |  |  |
| Issued 5,789,126 and 5,716,986 shares, respectively . | 14,472,815 | 14,292,465 |
| Capital paid-in in excess of par value of shares issued . . . | 17,545,153 | 16,414,568 |
| Amounts paid by officers and employees under purchase contracts for 424,075 and 241,640 shares, respectively, of unissued Common Stock . | 508,774 | 332,984 |
|  | \$ 32,526,742 | \$ 31,040,017 |
| Earnings retained for use in the business . | 89,410,518 | 87,641,281 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL . . . . . . . . . . . | \$136,937,260 | \$133,681,298 |
|  | \$185,827,140 | \$174,679,528 |

Note A - At January 31, 1961, the Company's equity in the net assets of Zeller's Limited, a $51 \%$ owned unconsolidated subsidiary, exceeded the cost of its investment in 382,500 shares of common stock of the subsidiary by approximately $\$ 808,000$. The Company's equity in Zeller's net earnings applicable to common stock (before dividends thereon for the year ended January 31, 1961) amounted to approximately $\$ 1,001,281$. During the year, the Company received dividends amounting to $\$ 533,716$ from Zeller's Limited.

Note B - The amount shown for the reserve for deferred contingent compensation at January 31, 1961 represents (a) to the extent that allotments are contingently distributable in Common Stock of the Company an amount equivalent to the cost to the Company of 33,600 shares of its Common Stock held for this purpose; and (b) the total of small balances remaining in participants' contingent cash allotments. For the year ended January 31, 1961, the amount charged to earnings for this plan was $\$ 110,000$.

Noie C - In accordance with the practice followed since 1946, gross profits on installment sales are reflected in the Company's financial statements when such sales are made, whereas for federal income tax purposes, such gross profits are reported as income when collections are received.

Note D - As permitted by the Internal Revenue Code, the Company has adopted accelerated depreciation methods for income tax purposes, but has continued to use straight-line depreciation for financial statements. Provi-
sion has been made for deferred federal taxes on income to provide for the estimated additional future taxes which may become payable when depreciation based on accelerated methods will be less than that based on the straightline method.

Note E - The 33/4\% Cumulative Preferred Stock is redeemable at the Company's option in whole or in part at $\$ 100$ per share plus accrued dividends to date of redemption.

In April 1960, Common Stock was split two for one and the number of shares authorized was increased to $8,500,000$. The number of common shares and dividends per common share have been adjusted to reflect such stock split.

At January 31, 1961, 587,340 shares of the Company's unissued Common Stock were reserved under the Employees' Stock Purchase Plan. Contracts for the sales of such shares, on a deferred payment basis, are made at approximate market prices at dates of contracts. Shares are issued after completion of payments.

Note F - At January 31, 1961, the Company was lessee of real property under 842 leases expiring subsequent to January 31, 1964 at aggregate minimum annual rentals of approximately $\$ 19,597,000$ (exclusive of taxes and other expenses payable under terms of certain of the leases). This amount includes approximately $\$ 13,559,000$ for minimum annual rentals under 564 leases which were on a percentage of sales basis with specified minimum annual rentals, but does not include any amount for 21 leases which were on a percentage of sales basis without any specified minimum annual rentals.

## AUDITORS' REPORT

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ERNST & ERNST
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## To the Board of Directors

 W. T. Grant Company
## New York, N. Y.

We have examined the statement of financial position of W. T. Grant Company at January 31, 1961, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of financial position and operations present fairly the financial position of W. T. Grant Company at January 31, 1961, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

New York, N. Y.
March 24, 1961
Ernst \& Ernst


WHERE FUNDS CAME FROM

SALES
\$512,687
\$479,997
\$432,240
\$406,337
\$380,915
\$2,212,176
LESS:
Merchandise costs, supplies, outside serv-
ices, etc.
Wages and salaries, including miscellane-
ous benefits ous benefits . . . . . . .
Retirement plan contributions . .

| 356,860 | 329,959 | 299,423 | 280,420 | 265,258 | $1,531,920$ |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 97,336 | 88,047 | 79,102 | 74,610 | 68,023 | 407,118 |
| 908 | 1,071 | 1,008 | 1,200 | 1,138 | 5,325 |
| 4,459 | 3,494 | 2,712 | 2,444 | 2,179 | 15,288 |
| 21,401 | 19,778 | 18,264 | 16,943 | 15,469 | 91,855 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16,262 | 19,475 | 16,209 | 15,596 | 15,096 | 82,638 |
| 6,263 | 5,915 | 5,672 | 5,407 | 4,814 | 28,071 |

NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS
Add charges against income which involve no cash outlay:
Depreciation and amortization .
Net increase in reserves . . .
Deferred federal income tax .

From sale of common stock to public . .
From sale of common stock to employees .
From recovery of taxes, pertaining to LIFO
From sale of land and buildings
TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED . -
\$ 12,258
\$ 9,198

| 6,263 | 5,915 | 5,672 |
| :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 123 | 153 | 152 |
| 310 | 62 | - |
| - | 14,042 | - |
| 1,487 | 812 | 591 |
| - | - | - |
| - | $\frac{9}{\$ 17,381}$ | $\$ 33,251$ |
| 16,265 |  |  |

\$ 9,717
\$ 8,938
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## HOW FUNDS WERE USED

For dividends to stockholders . . . . .
For investment in land and buildings . . .
For investment in furniture and fixtures . .
For investment in improvements to leased
properties. . . . . . . . .

| \$ | 7,429 | \$ | 6,624 | \$ | 5,553 | \$ | 5,527 | \$ | 5,496 | \$ | 30,629 |
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|  | 318 |  | - |  | 35 |  | - |  | - |  | 353 |
|  | 7,596 |  | 7,220 |  | 5,600 |  | 6,050 |  | 8,021 |  | 34,487 |
|  | 284 |  | 233 |  | 107 |  | 251 |  | 322 |  | 1,197 |
|  | - |  | - |  | 2,773 |  | 951 |  | - |  | 3,724 |
|  | 126 |  | 149 |  | 57 |  | 61 |  | 76 |  | 469 |
|  | 620 |  | 154 |  | 377 |  | 118 |  | 471 |  | 1,740 |
|  | 1,008 |  | 18,871 |  | 1,763 |  | 4,465 |  | 683 |  | 26,790 |
| \$ | 17,381 | \$ | 33,251 | \$ | 16,265 | \$ | 17,423 | \$ | 15,069 | \$ | 99,389 |

Comparative Statement of Operations
1956
$\$ 380,915,043$





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$\$ 479,997,477$
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Cost of merchandise sold and operating expenses ．

## ADD：

Interest earned
DEDUCT：
Depreciation and amortization
Interest paid ．．．．．．．．．．．
Other deductions ．．．．．．．．．．
Provision for federal taxes on income
Non－recurring items ．．．．．．．
NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR
NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR
DEDUCT：
Preferred dividends．
ADD：
Miscellaneous adjustments ．．．．．．．
Earnings of prior years retained in the business
Accumulated earnings retained，at end of year
Position
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$\$ 15,363,742$
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ASSETS：
Cash ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Short term securities ．．．．．．．．．．．．
Accounts receivable－customers＇installment accounts
（net）．．．．．．．．． Accounts receivable－other Merchandise inventories TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

Investment in Zeller＇s Limited，at cost Cash surrender value of life insurance Recoverable taxes

Common stock of W．T．Grant Company held for de－
Company held for de－ ferred contingent compensation plan，at cost
Land and buildings，depreciated ．．．．． Furniture and fixtures，depreciated Improvements to leased properties（net） Deferred charges

TOTAL ASSETS
LIABILITIES，RESERVES，AND CAPITAL：
Federal taxes on income－estimated（less U．S．Govern－
ederal taxes on income－estimated（less U．S．
ment securities）．．．．．．．．．．．．
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES
Deferred federal income tax Reserve for uninsured risks Reserve for repainting stores

Reserve for deferred contingent compensation

## CAPITAL：

Preferred 33／4\％stock $\$ 100$ par value
Common stock
Earnings retained for use in the business
TOTAL LIABILITIES，RESERVES，AND CAPITAL
(Amounts in 000's)

(Amounts in 000's)
Net Earnings
Note-Net earnings and dividends per share are based Dividends exclude values of rights and stock dividends.
No.of
Stores

| Year | No.o | Sales |  |  | Total ${ }^{\text {Net }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Earnin } \\ \text { Per } \\ \text { Sales } \\ \text { Dollar } \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{\text { Per }}{\text { Share }}$ Share | Total | Dividends <br> \% of <br> Net | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Share } \end{aligned}$ | Working <br> Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Capital } \\ \% \\ \text { Sales } \end{gathered}$ | Fixed | $\begin{gathered} \text { Assets } \\ \% \\ \text { Sales } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Long } \\ & \text { Term } \\ & \text { Debt } \end{aligned}$ | Netal | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Vorth } \\ & \% \\ & \text { Earned } \end{aligned}$ | Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1907 | 1 | \$ 99 | \$ 10 | 9.8¢ | \$ 10 | 9.8¢ | \$ . 03 | \$ 8 | 81.7 | \$ . 02 | \$ 16 | 16.5 | \$ 3 | 3.0 | \$ - | \$ 19 | 52.6 | 1907 |
| 1912 | 12 | 1,362 | 26 | 1.9 | 26 | 1.9 | . 01 | 32 | 121.9 | . 01 | 179 | 13.2 | 132 | 9.7 | - | 315 | 8.3 | 1912 |
| 1917 | 30 | 4,511 | 154 | 3.4 | 110 | 2.4 | . 03 | 44 | 39.5 | . 01 | 430 | 9.5 | 301 | 6.7 | - | 759 | 14.5 | 1917 |
| 1922 | 50 | 15,383 | 708 | 4.6 | 611 | 4.0 | . 14 | 173 | 28.2 | . 02 | 1,803 | 11.7 | 1,403 | 9.1 | 75 | 3,261 | 18.7 | 1922 |
| 1927 | 157 | 43,744 | 2,754 | 6.3 | 2,386 | 5.5 | . 56 | 569 | 23.8 | . 11 | 5,200 | 11.9 | 6,167 | 14.1 | 330 | 11,416 | 20.9 | 1927 |
| 1932 | 446 | 73,087 | 1,849 | 2.5 | 1,612 | 2.2 | . 34 | 1,195 | 74.2 | . 25 | 9,704 | 13.3 | 16,101 | 22.0 | 2,038 | 25,155 | 6.4 | 1932 |
| 1937 | 480 | 99,060 | 4,253 | 4.3 | 3,402 | 3.4 | . 70 | 2,353 | 69.2 | . 48 | 18,580 | 18.8 | 14,876 | 15.0 | 1,540 | 34,359 | 9.9 | 1937 |
| 1942 | 493 | 154,204 | 9,684 | 6.3 | 3,762 | 2.4 | . 72 | 2,014 | 53.5 | . 35 | 22,449 | 14.6 | 19,052 | 12.4 | 4,530 | 41,046 | 9.2 | 1942 |
| 1947 | 483 | 228,636 | 13,862 | 6.1 | 8,679 | 3.8 | 1.71 | 4,131 | 47.6 | . 75 | 42,359 | 18.5 | 23,128 | 10.1 | 4,812 | 63,462 | 13.7 | 1947 |
| 1948 | 482 | 233,904 | 13,071 | 5.6 | 7,951 | 3.4 | 1.55 | 2,942 | 37.0 | . 50 | 42,988 | 18.4 | 27,541 | 11.8 | 4,403 | 68,472 | 11.6 | 1948 |
| 1949 | 480 | 233,168 | 13,292 | 5.7 | 8,042 | 3.5 | 1.57 | 4,131 | 51.4 | . 75 | 39,729 | 17.0 | 33,094 | 14.2 | 3,303 | 72,383 | 11.1 | 1949 |
| 1950 | 477 | 250,574 | 15,938 | 6.4 | 8,103 | 3.2 | 1.58 | 4,135 | 51.0 | . 75 | 41,712 | 16.6 | 32,966 | 13.2 | 3,329 | 77,292 | 10.5 | 1950 |
| 1951 | 482 | 268,333 | 19,237 | 7.2 | 7,517 | 2.8 | 1.45 | 4,150 | 55.2 | . 75 | 41,562 | 15.5 | 35,919 | 13.4 | 2,759 | 80,983 | 9.3 | 1951 |
| 1952 | 493 | 283,240 | 18,895 | 6.7 | 7,570 | 2.7 | 1.46 | 4,165 | 55.0 | . 75 | 43,077 | 15.2 | 35,203 | 12.4 | 1,573 | 84,744 | 8.9 | 1952 |
| 1953 | 502 | 299,768 | 18,920 | 6.3 | 8,045 | 2.7 | 1.54 | 4,188 | 52.1 | . 75 | 41,956 | 14.0 | 38,189 | 12.7 | - | 89,056 | 9.0 | 1953 |
| 1954 | 520 | 317,157 | 18,585 | 5.9 | 8,755 | 2.8 | 1.68 | 4,211 | 48.1 | . 75 | 46,553 | 14.7 | 38,245 | 12.1 | - | 94,118 | 9.3 | 1954 |
| 1955 | 574 | 351,849 | 20,395 | 5.8 | 9,710 | 2.8 | 1.86 | 4,971 | 51.2 | . 90 | 57,125 | 16.2 | 33,760 | 9.6 | - | 99,480 | 9.8 | 1955 |
| 1956 | 632 | 380,915 | 18,493 | 4.9 | 8,938 | 2.3 | 1.69 | 5,496 | 61.5 | 1.00 | 57,808 | 15.2 | 36,795 | 9.7 | - | 103,565 | 8.6 | 1956 |
| 1957 | 691 | 406,337 | 18,259 | 4.5 | 9,718 | 2.4 | 1.84 | 5,527 | 56.9 | 1.00 | 62,273 | 15.3 | 37,641 | 9.3 | - | 108,305 | 9.0 | 1957 |
| 1958 | 739 | 432,241 | 20,165 | 4.7 | 9,850 | 2.3 | 1.86 | 5,553 | 56.4 | 1.00 | 64,037 | 14.8 | 37,710 | 8.7 | - | 113,193 | 8.7 | 1958 |
| 1959 | 801 | 479,997 | 25,433 | 5.3 | 12,258 | 2.6 | 2.06 | 6,624 | 54.0 | 1.10 | 82,907 | 17.3 | 39,239 | 8.2 | - | 133,681 | 9.2 | 1959 |
| 1960 | 864 | 512,687 | 18,843 | 3.7 | 9,198 | 1.8 | 1.50 | 7,429 | 80.8 | 1.20 | 83,916 | 16.4 | 41,174 | 8.0 | - | 136,937 | 6.7 | 1960 |




## MERGHANDISE

## LINES SOLDIN

## W. T. GRANT

## FAMILY

 STORES
## For Women

Dresses
Coats, Suits, Jackets
Skirts, Slacks
Blouses
Sportswear, Playwear
Sweaters
Beachwear
Millinery, Ribibons, VEiling
UNIFORMS
Gioves
Handbags
Hosiery
Slifs, Petti Sifips
Gowns
Pajamas
Robes, Dusters
Foundation Garments
Maternity Wear
Shoes, Slippers
Swimwear
Jewelry, Watches
Rainwear, Umbrellas
Cosmetics, Toiletries
LugGage, Wallets
UNDERWEAR
Party Supplies
Yard Goods, Patterns
Art Needlework
Hair Goods, Notions
Sifing Supplies

## For Children

Infants' Wear
Infants' Furniture
Nursery Supplies
Layettes
Shoes
Slifpers
Hosiery
Sweaters
Headwear
Sileepwear
Robes
Coats, Snowsulis
Gloves. Mittens
Swinmear
Polo Silirts
Playwear
Siportswear
Rainwear
Girls' Dresses, Slips
Girls' Skirts, Blouses
Pre-Teen Apparel
Handbags
Boys' Suits and Jackets
Boys' Shirts and Pants
UNDERWEAR
Boys' Belts. Neckties
Dolls, Doll Cloties
Bicycles, Accessories
Books, Games,
Hobby Kits
Creative Toys.
Educational Toys

## For Men

Dress Shirts
Sports Shirts
Sweaters
Slacks
Jackets
Coats
Headwear
Hosiery
Shoes
Slippers
Underwear
Rainwear
Walking Shorts
Work Clothes
Neckties
Polo Shirts
Pajamas
Gloves
Rubber Footwear
Watches
Jewelry
Robes
Beachwear
Belts
Shaving Needs
Sporting Goods Active Sports Camping, Hunting, Fishing
Swimwear

## For the Home

Bed Sheets, Pillow Cases, Pillows Blankets, Comforters, Bedspreads Bedroom Ensembles, Cushions Curtains, Draperies, Slip Covers Towels, Shower Curtains, Bathroom Supplies
Dinnerware, Glassware, Cutlery
Table Linens, Ohcloth
Electric Appliances, Power Tool.s
Lamps, Shades, Pictures
Room Size and Scatter Rugs
Furniture, Mirrors
Summer Furniture,
Unfinisiled Furniture
Hardware, Hand Tools
Paints, Brushes
Candy, Cookies
Record Players, Records
Radios, Television Sets
Caneras and Supplies
Power Lawn Mowers
Garden Tools, Plants, Seeds
Barbecue Grills
Wading Pools, Play Gyms
Stationery, Typewriters
Cooking Utensils
Electrical Accessories, Fans Pets, Pet Supplies
Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers,
Sewing Machines
Aluminum Storm Winiows, Doors Cleaning and Laundry Supplies Gift and Novelty Items
more than ever before - Grant stores are merchandised to supply most of the non-food needs of America's families at money-saving prices.



[^0]:    *Adjusted for 2 for 1 common stock split of April 1960

